Bidding for the Vallarpadam Project at Kochi

2753. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had decided to recommend that P&O Ports of Australia be allowed to rebid the Vallarpadam transshipment hub at Kochi;

(b) whether the said company's bid for the same project had been rejected once on the ground that it would create monopoly in the subcontinent;

(c) if so, the reasons why Government decided to recommend P&O again for bidding of Vallarpadam project; and

(d) the names of other bidding companies for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU.THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) to (d) Cochin Port Trust invited offers in the year 1999 for development of an International Trans-shipment Centre at Vallarpadam, Cochin. Only one bid from M/s. P&O Ports Pvt. Ltd. was received which is under consideration of the Government.

NGOs working for physically and mentally disabled

2754. SHRIJHUMUKLALBHENDIA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs operating in Rajasthan to promote voluntary action for people with physical and mental disability; and

(b) the details of assistance being rendered by his Ministry to such organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The details of assistance given to voluntary organizations under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities during last three years in State of Rajasthan are given in the Statement.